NIHB Walk Through of CDC RFA-OT20-2004
Supporting Tribal Public Health Capacity in Coronavirus Preparedness and Response
Application

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• NIHB Introduction
• Overview of CDC Funding Opportunity (CDC-RFA-OT20-2004)
• Application Walk Through
• Q & A

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https://www.nihb.org/covid-19/funding-opportunities/

• Fact Sheet on the RFA
• Application Walk Through
• Refresher on SMART Objectives
• Tip for Writing Activities and Outcomes
• Coming: this webinar recording and presentation
CDC Noncompetitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (CDC-RFA-OT20-2004)

- Funding opportunity from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- Designed to fund ALL federally-recognized Tribes, Tribal organizations, consortia of federally recognized Tribes, or their bona fide agents to support Tribal public health emergency preparedness and response related to COVID-19 activities

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# CDC Noncompetitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (CDC-RFA-OT20-2004)

**Award Information Per CDC Informational webinar May 4, 2020**

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<td><strong>1st Notice of Award</strong></td>
<td>Will receive $25,000 PLUS additional funds based on their IHS fractionated allotment</td>
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The estimated award ceiling is $1.5 million; may change depending on # applicants.

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CDC Noncompetitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (CDC-RFA-OT20-2004)

• Costs incurred for response efforts on or after January 20, 2020 can be reimbursed by this funding.

• All eligible applicants should apply to be eligible for future funding under this announcement!
Areas of Work

• This grant funds activities that aligns with the following COVID-19 mitigation strategies:
  1. Emergency operations and coordination
  2. Health information technology
  3. Surveillance and epidemiology
  4. Laboratory capacity
  5. Communications
  6. Countermeasures and mitigation
  7. Recovery activities
  8. Other preparedness and response activities related to COVID-19
Streamlined Application

• CDC worked to make applying for this opportunity more streamlined.
  • Applications are funded on a rolling basis- don’t wait to apply!
  • Fewer application documents are needed- use the checklist in addition to the RFA
  • A template for the project work plan serves as the project narrative
  • Only one application for both components A (Title I and V Tribes) and B (all Tribes)
Application Requirement Checklist

• CDC published a checklist, outlining requirements for this application.
• When unsure if something is required, use this checklist.
# CDC-RFA-OT20-2004 Application Requirements Checklist

Use this checklist when preparing your application.

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CDC CDC-RFA-OT20-2004 WALK THROUGH
Overview of Application

• **Step 1: Register**
  1. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)
  2. System for Award Management (SAM)
  3. Grants.gov

• **Step 2: Project Information/Activities**
  1. Project Narrative (Organizational Capacity Statement/Documents and Work Plan Excel File)
  2. Budget Narrative
  3. Other Budget Forms

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Overview of Application (cont.)

• **Step 3: Required Forms**
  1. Project Abstract Summary
  2. Applications for Federal Assistance SF-424
  3. Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs SF-424A
  4. CDC Assurances and Certifications
  5. Risk Assessment Questionnaire Requirements
  6. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
  7. HHS Checklist
Step 1: Register

1. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)
   • The applicant organization may request a DUNS number by telephone at 1-866-705-5711 (toll free) or internet at http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do
Step 1: Register (cont.)

2. System for Award Management (SAM)
   • The applicant must be registered within SAM
   • https://www.sam.gov/SAM/
Step 1: Register (cont.)

3. Grants.gov

- The applicant must have a grants.gov account for the Tribe or organization.
- Once this is complete, go on grants.gov, login, and search for “CDC-RFA-OT20-2004”. Then click on it. You can download the instructions here.
- You need to click “Apply”. This will open up your application workspace, where you can access all of the online forms, and start to upload documents. You can save your progress, and come back to this page at any time.
Step 2: Project Information/Activities

1. Project Narrative

The narrative is made up of two parts:

a) Organizational Capacity Statement/Documents

b) Work Plan Excel File
Step 2: Project Information/Activities (cont.)

Project Narrative Part A: Organizational Capacity Statement/Documents

Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to:

• Signed letter by the elected Tribal Leader or their designee on organization letterhead attesting to the existing capacity and capability;
• departmental organizational charts;
• an incident management structure organizational chart, and/or resumes/CVs for positions currently filled and position descriptions for vacant positions for key personnel.
Step 2: Project Information/Activities (cont.)

Project Narrative Part B: Work Plan Excel File

• Use the fillable template to propose activities aligning with the CDC strategies shared earlier.

• Download the template here: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=325942

No separate project narrative is required; a completed template serves that purpose
Step 2: Project Information/Activities (cont.)

2. Budget Narrative

Must include:

i. Salaries and wages
ii. Fringe benefits
iii. Consultant costs
iv. Equipment
v. Supplies

i. Travel
ii. Other categories
iii. Contractual costs
iv. Total Direct costs
v. Total Indirect costs
Step 2: Project Information/Activities (cont.)

3. Other Budget Forms

• Upload a PDF of valid documentation of your indirect cost rate
• If you are a non-profit, upload a PDF of your proof of non-profit status
• Upload them as “other attachments” in grants.gov
Step 3: Required Forms

1. Project Abstract Summary

   • Online form
   • Type a short paragraph stating the project’s major objectives
   • Indicate how many people will be served by your project* (this will determine Component B Funding amounts).
   • [https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/readonly/Project_AbstractSummary-V1.1.pdf](https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/readonly/Project_AbstractSummary-V1.1.pdf)

*The number of people served is determined by you. If the reach of your project will go beyond your tribal membership or your health service population then include all in this number. For example, some Tribes have seasonal population fluctuations and if those additional people will be served by your project, they can be included in the number.
Step 3: Required Forms (cont.)

2. Application for Federal Assistance
SF 424

• Online form
• Information on your organization, title of application, and the person applying on behalf of your organization.

• https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/readonly/SF424_2_1-V2.1.pdf
Step 3: Required Forms (cont.)

3. Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs SF 424A

- Online form
- Requires you to enter completed budget figures by budget category
- [https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/readonly/SF424A-V1.0.pdf](https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/readonly/SF424A-V1.0.pdf)
Step 3: Required Forms (cont.)

4. CDC Assurances Certifications

• Complete “Assurances Certification Form” and “Assurances Non Construction Form” get them signed, and PDF them

• Upload PDFs to grants.gov

• https://wwwn.cdc.gov/grantassurances/(S(f4rf2okqj04c5dangoj4xzfu))/Documents/2013%20Forms%20and%20Documents.zip
Step 3: Required Forms (cont.)

5. Risk Assessment Questionnaire

Requirement

- Information on personnel, accounting and audits
- If you are uncomfortable or unable to answer any questions, skip them. CDC may approach you with these questions later.

Step 3: Required Forms (cont.)

6. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

• Online form

• Required, even if nobody from your Tribe will be lobbying as part of this grant (which is not permitted)

• If you have a lobbyist, enter their name(s)

• [Link](https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/readonly/SFLLL_1_2-V1.2.pdf)
Step 3: Required Forms (cont.)

7. HHS Checklist

• Online form
• Contact information and verification of other details
• https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/read only/HHS_CheckList_2_1-V2.1.pdf

• Asks if HHS 690 form has been completed and filed with HHS. You can download and sign it and PDF it under other attachments in grants.gov: https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/forms/hhs-690.pdf
QUESTIONS?

Additional questions can be emailed to RFoley@nihb.org

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THANK YOU

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To reach the NIHB COVID-19 Response Team, please contact cwheeler@nihb.org

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